

**Date:** August 21, 2014

## Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at Klamath Falls Office of the Fremont-Winema National Forest, 2819 Dahlia Street, Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on or before September 19, 2014 for the PB Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in T.34 S., R. 12 E., Sec. 25, 36; T.34 S., R. 13 E., Sec. 30, 31, 32, T.35 S., R. 13 E., Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 20, 21; W.M. Surveyed, Klamath County, Oregon. Contract Form, FS-2400-13, will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31, 2017.

The Forest Service will hold a pre-bid conference and site visit of the contract area on August 26, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Bly Ranger District, 61100 Highway 140 E, Bly, OR. The morning will start with a discussion of the contract, the Best Value Award process, and requirements for both pricing and the Technical Proposal. Afterwards, we will visit specific locations in the Contract Area to explain and review the Stewardship Projects and any additional information needs. Anyone planning to attend should come prepared to travel to the Contract Area. Transportation is not provided.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of one Mandatory Stewardship project meant to improve ecological conditions within the Fremont-Winema National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

Project #	Mandatory or Optional (M or O)	Project Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Cut, skid, and deck small trees	Acres	663

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 54,192 Tons. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;





## Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

							Required Deposits		
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance	
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	33,556	13.0	\$6.92	\$0.34	\$0.26	0.00	
White Fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	20,636	11.1	\$6.92	\$0.34	\$0.26	0.00	
Timber subject to agreement K-C.1.1#									
All Species	Grn Bio Cv	Ton				\$0.01			
	TOTAL		54,192				\$67,120.02	0.00	

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$375,008.64 for biddable species.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

Parties submitting a technical proposal are to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria. Contractors can submit Alternate Technical Proposals for this project. However, the Contractor must submit a Technical Proposal that addresses the evaluation criteria as stated in addition to submitting the alternate proposal.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and the Stewardship projects, please write or call the Bly Ranger District, 61100 Highway 140 E, Bly, OR, 541-353-2427, or the Fremont-Winema N.F. Supervisors Office, 1301 S. G St., Lakeview, OR, 97630, 541-947-6249, or the Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR, 97601, 541-883-6714, or calling the Contracting Officer, Judd Lehman, at 541-891-1202. A copy of the bid form, bid amendment form, prospectus, sample contract, and contract area map may be viewed on the Forest's webpage at <a href="http://fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema">http://fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema</a>. Additionally, the shape files for the Subdivisions Boundaries are available upon request at the numbers and addresses listed above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Judd Lehman
JUDD LEHMAN
Contracting Officer